

Remarks

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 21-27 and 29-35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0139178 of *Mendez et al.* ("*Mendez*").

Claims 28 and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of *Mendez* and U.S. Patent Number 6,067,558 of *Wendt et al.* ("*Wendt*").

Applicant respectfully submits that claim 21 is not anticipated by *Mendez* because *Mendez* does not disclose a configuration applet that when downloaded to a node on a local network searches the local network for a network device as claimed in claim 21. Instead, *Mendez* discloses a configuration applet 359 that when downloaded to a remote terminal 105 configures elements of the remote terminal 105. (*Mendez*, paragraph 50). For example, *Mendez* states that

The remote terminal 105 executes the configuration applets 359 and uses the configuration and user data 356 to configure the elements (e.g., the operating system 270, the web engine 140 and the applet engine 290) of the remote terminal 105.

(*Mendez*, paragraph 50) (emphasis added). In contrast, a configuration applet according to claim 21 searches a local network for a network device.

Given that claims 22-28 depend from claim 21, it is submitted that claims 22-28 are not anticipated by *Mendez*.

It is also submitted that claim 29 is not anticipated by *Mendez*. Claim 29 is a method for configuring a network device that includes limitations similar to the limitations of claim 21 including a configuration applet that when downloaded to a node on a local network searches the local network for a network device. Therefore, the remarks stated above with respect

to claim 21 and *Mendez* also apply to claim 29.

Given that claims 30-36 depend from claim 29, it is submitted that claims 30-36 are not anticipated by *Mendez*.

It is further submitted that claims 28 and 36 are not obvious in view of *Mendez* and *Wendt* because claims 28 and 36 depend from claims 21 and 29, respectively, and because *Mendez* and *Wendt* do not disclose or suggest a configuration applet that when downloaded to a node on a local network searches the local network for a network device as claimed in claims 21 and 29. Applicant has shown that *Mendez* does not disclose a configuration applet that when downloaded to a node on a local network searches the local network for a network device as claimed in claims 21 and 29. *Wendt* discloses a top-level UI server 12 that searches for peripherals (*Wendt*, col. 3, lines 31-38) rather than a configuration applet that when downloaded to a node on a local network searches the local network for a network device as claimed in claims 21 and 29.

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the applicable objections and rejections have been overcome.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1078 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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